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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This *Amendment and Response* are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed October 13, 2006. A response to the October 13, 2006 Office Action is due November 13, 2006. Thus, this *Amendment and Response* are timely filed.

Amendments begin on page 2 of this paper

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents:

- Response to Restriction Requirement
- Fee Transmittal

This submission is in response to the Office Action mailed October 13, 2006. The shortened statutory period for response expires on November 13, 2006. As this response is being submitted via facsimile on November 13, 2006, this *Response* is considered to be timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 13, 2006

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

<u>Application Type</u>	<u>FILING FEES</u>		<u>SEARCH FEES</u>		<u>EXAMINATION FEES</u>		
	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fees Paid (\$)</u>
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	N/A
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	N/A

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

<u>Total Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>	<u>Multiple Dependent Claims:</u>	
				<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>
170	- 20 or HP = 6	x 50	= 300.00	50	25

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